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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CARR, IS (ESMAIL, SAMI)

SUBJECT: W/W: ARREST--SAMI ESMail

REF: A) TEL AVIV 9631, B) TEL AVIV 10097

1. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT TO ENSURE THAT ESMail KNOWS ISRAELI PRISON OFFICIALS HAVE SAID THAT WHAT THEY PERCEIVE AS POLITICAL ACTIVITIES MAY JEOPARDIZE HIS CHANCES FOR EARLY PAROLE. DEPTMENT ALSO BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT TO ALERT FELICIA LANGER PROMPTLY TO THIS DEVELOPMENT, AND TO ENCOURAGE HER TO GIVE ESMail HER BEST ADVICE.

2. RECOMMEND YOU MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS TO ESMail DURING NEXT SCHEDULED VISIT:

--WE FEEL IT IS OUR DUTY TO INFORM HIM THAT WE HAVE
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LEARNED THAT PRISON OFFICIALS BELIEVE ESMail HAS BEEN ENGAGING IN WHAT THEY VIEW AS POLITICAL ACTIVISM, AND THAT THEY FEEL ESMail'S CHANCES OF EARLY PAROLE WILL BE INCREASINGLY JEOPARDIZED IF THIS CONDUCT CONTINUES.

--WE HAVE NO WAY TO INDEPENDENTLY ASSESS THE VALIDITY OF THE PRISON OFFICIAL'S OPINIONS, NOR WOULD WE ATTEMPT

TO ADVISE ESMail ON HOW HE SHLD COMPORT HIMSELF, BUT

WE WOULD BE REMISS IF WE DID NOT INFORM HIM OF THIS
DEVELOPMENT.

--WE HAVE ALSO INFORMED HIS LEGAL COUNSEL, AND WE HOPE
HE WILL DISCUSS THIS MATTER IN DETAIL WITH HER.

3. ALSO RECOMMEND YOU MAKE THESE SAME POINTS WITH
FELICIA LANGER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, ON THE CHANCE SHE
WILL SEE ESMail BEFORE EMBASSY'S NEXT VISIT. EMBASSY
S;OULD ALSO NOTE:

--WE RECALL THAT WHEN LANGER VISITED THE DEPARTMENT,
SHE WAS SPECIFICALLY ASKED WHETHER SHE THOUGHT ESMail
MIGHT BE BRINGING SOME PROBLEMS ON HIMSELF BY POLITICAL
AGITATION. AT THAT TIME, LANGER EMPHATICALLY DENIED
THIS NOTION, SAYING THAT ESMail WOULD NOT COURT TROUBLE
IN THIS WAY.

--WE INTEND TO INFORM ESMail OF THIS MATTER OURSELVES
BUT ;E SHOULD ALSO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THIS
MATTER WITH LEGAL COUNSEL. EMBASSY IS OF COURSE NOT
IN A POSITION TO OFFER ESMail ADVICE ON HOW HE SHOULD
COMPORT HIMSELF, BUT WE HAVE A GOOD DEAL OF CONFIDENCE
IN LANGER'S ABILITY TO HELP ESMail UNDERSTAND THE
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IMPLICATIONS OF THIS DEVELOPMENT.

4. PLEASE ADVISE REACTIONS.

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